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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Sermon No. 1, "Is God a 'Dirty Bully?'" starts out with a statement of the infidel Bishop Oxnam, endorsing the statement of another man, that the God of the Old Testament who punished sin is a "Dirty Bully." Of the God of the Bible who demanded a blood atonement for sin, George Buttrick, Presbyterian modernist,

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says, "That God is my Devil." Tom Paine, Bob Ingersoll, and other infidels say that a God who would send unregenerate sinners to Hell would be a heartless wretch. Here is the answer to all of these. The double text is "O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God" (Neh. 1:5) and "O Lord, the great and dreadful God" (Dan. 9:4). And it shows what a terrible thing it is for sinners to fall into the hands of an angry God and then how terribly God punishes sin, how terrible is Hell, but how terrible is the suffering that God let Christ suffer to save sinners. The reader

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Here are people sitting down to watch Jesus die. We think the crucifixion took place about 9:00 in the morning and that Jesus died about 3:00 in the afternoon. Jesus was on the cross about six hours. Three hours of that time there was midnight darkness. God turned His face away from His Son. Some of the people mocked, some wept, others curiously gazed at the naked Saviour, with blood on His back and legs, beard plucked out, spittle in His face, nails through His hands and feet. They watched Jesus die.

When Jesus died, He died for the sins of the whole world. First John 2:2 says, "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." When Jesus died, He died just as much for me as He did for any of the people in Jerusalem. He died as much for a Gentile as for a Jew. We are told in Revelation 13 that He was as a Lamb that had

been slain from the foundation of the world.

I love to think on the crucifixion. I am not now talking primarily about the crucifixion itself; not so much about the Man on the cross, but about the people who sat down to watch Him die. These people are a cross-section of humanity. Sitting there that day watching Jesus were saved people and lost people. There were inner-circle Christians; there were middle-of-the-roaders; there were pussy-footers and compromisers. Sitting down in front of Jesus on the cross was a mass of humanity representing the sins of a sinful world.

The soldier who thrust a spear in His side was only one acting for all of us. Those who drove the nails were only two or three soldiers acting for all of us. When Pilate condemned Him to die, he was only one acting for the human race. Scribes, Pharisees, soldiers, the thieves that mocked Him—all represented a lost, wicked race for whom Jesus died. Jesus died for the sins of the whole world.



Christians Watching Jesus Die

There were Christians there, and lost people there. First consider some of the Christians who were about the cross. Yes, there were some good men; there were some who were not so good. I trust that God will deal with you as you see the whole picture.

Here is a great cross with Jesus on it. There is another cross with a dying thief, and on the other side is a cross with a dying thief. Take it to heart as you sit there and watch Jesus. You see, the dying of Jesus is a dateless and timeless event. All of us sit and watch Jesus die. I wonder, What is your heart attitude toward the dying Saviour? By looking at a man I cannot tell whether he is saved or lost. Neither would I know by what he says. The disciples did not know Judas was a lost sinner. Sometimes a modernist may make people believe he is a Christian when he is not. Jesus warned that when He comes He will say to many,

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Empty Churches—Why?

Why Many Churches of America Are Dead and Forsaken

By Dr. Tom Malone, pastor Emmanuel Baptist Church Telegraph at Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac, Michigan

"Why is the house of God forsaken?"—Neh. 13:11

Two of the most wonderful books in the Bible for the Christian worker are the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. The book of Nehemiah especially sets forth some essentials for success in the Lord's work. If the fundamental methods used by this spiritual giant Nehemiah were to be used by Christians and New Testament churches today, we would see great revivals and multitudes saved. The book of Nehemiah should be taught in every course on soul winning and evangelism.

The Word of God had come to pass with such minute and wonderful accuracy. The children of Israel had been taken into captivity for a period of 70 years, as God said they would be. At the close of the 70 years' captivity, after the Jews had been scattered to the various heathen nations, God began to work in the hearts of men like Ezra and Nehemiah. The temple of God in Jerusalem, so ruthlessly destroyed by the cruel and wicked Nebuchadnezzar, must be rebuilt. The walls of the glorious city of Zion lay in shameful debris. Who would dare to undertake such a gigantic task? Who would have the cour-

age, in face of such bitter and persistent opposition, to take a little chosen handful of believers and assail such a tremendous problem? Only a God-called, Spirit-empowered, giant-hearted man such as Nehemiah!

What a wonderful man is this man Nehemiah! He has so many admirable characteristics of leadership. He was a man of prayer, and the book of Nehemiah records his prayers and how earnestly he prayed. He was a man of compassion; he wept over the pitiful condition of the city of Jerusalem and the people of God. He was a humble man, a man who knew the weaknesses and the sin of his own heart, for he confessed that he himself, as well as his fellow countrymen, had sinned. This shows his humility. He was a man of courage, and he needed great courage, for every subtle effort of the Devil was used to dishearten him.

Notice how this opposition manifested itself. The Devil works



Dr. Tom Malone

the same today to keep churches and preachers and laymen from winning souls and getting the job done.

1. The enemies were grieved because there was a small group of people with deep concern for the work of God. "It grieved them exceedingly that there was come man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel" (Neh. 2:10).

2. The enemies laughed at this God-called minority: "They laughed us to scorn, and despised

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OUR LORD'S RETURN

"I will come again, and receive you unto myself."

—John 14:3



By D. L. Moody

Some people tell us when we take up prophecy that it is all very well to be believed, but that there is no use trying to understand it; these future events are things that the church does not agree about, and it is better to let them alone and deal only with prophecies which have already been fulfilled.

But Paul doesn't talk that way. He says: "All scripture is . . . profitable"; but you don't understand the prophecies, so you let them alone. If God didn't mean to have us study the prophecies, He wouldn't have put them in the Bible. Some of them are fulfilled, and He is at work fulfilling the rest, so that if we do not see them all completed in this life, we shall in the world to come.

I don't want to teach anything today dogmatically, on my own authority, but to my mind this

precious doctrine—for such I must call it—of the return of the Lord to this earth, is taught in the New Testament as clearly as any other doctrine in it; yet I was in the church fifteen or sixteen years before I ever heard a sermon on it.

There is hardly any church that doesn't make a great deal of baptism, but the New Testament only speaks about baptism thirteen times, while it speaks of the return of our Lord fifty times; yet

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Kids Korner

By Aunt Joy

Dear Nieces and Nephews:

Every day this week I eagerly watched for the mailgirl Ruth Ann to come to my desk. I was looking for letters from my nieces and nephews, and how glad I was when she brought me some letters each day! Many of you wrote such fine letters telling me about when you were saved. And in my heart I thanked God that so many of you boys and girls have given your hearts to God while you are still young.

My what a hard time my helper and I had deciding which three letters were the best! In fact, we wanted to give prizes to all of you. Finally we had to choose four letters that we thought were especially good, and we are going to send these boys and girls the prize book, *Christie's Old Organ*. But to all of you who wrote me, let me say thank you. Your letters were a joy to my heart, and I love you, every one.

Now let me share some of my mail with you.

From a boy in Chattanooga, Tennessee, I received this nice letter:

My name is Lewis Robison, but everyone calls me Butch. I was eight years old a few days ago. I have been saved since I was five years old.

Mommy says my first birth, like the one Nicodemus had in John three, took place September the 17th, 1950, in Detroit, Michigan. My second birth, the one Jesus told Nicodemus he must have before he could enter the kingdom of God, took place January the 3rd, 1956, in our kitchen in Detroit.

My mommy (whose name is Joy, too) led me to Jesus.

Last year I went to Dr. Parr's Christian school in Michigan. During that time I learned one hundred and thirty-six Bible verses and their address. Among these was Psalms 119:11 and John the third chapter.

I am in the third grade now. I am going to Tennessee Temple Grammar School in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

I led one of the little girls in the fourth grade to Jesus the other day. Pray for me that I may win others to my Saviour, learn more of His Word and better still, obey it, as you said this week in THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Here is a good letter from Hanson Daubenmeyer of Winston-Salem, North Carolina:

I am nine years old. I was saved by the Lord Jesus when I was eight years old. I got saved on Sunday night in June of 1957. When our preacher preached about Jesus, I wanted Him to come into my heart. I told my mother and she told Daddy and he smiled and said alright. Mr. White showed me in the Bible about Jesus' death and burial and raising from the dead. Now He is my Saviour. I have ask my mother to pray that I will be a preacher like Dr. John R. Rice. I go to a Christian Day School. I have Bible teaching every day. We study now in Genesis.

I was glad to know that both Butch and Hanson are studying the Bible. That will help them to grow up to be good strong Christians.

Janis Cash, of Greenville, South Carolina, writes:

I am twelve years old. I was saved when I was six years old in 1952. I do not remember the month or time except it was Sunday. But of course all that matters is I was saved.

My mother, younger brother, and I had just finished having family altar. My father had gone off. When we finished I asked mother if she wanted to be saved when she was lost. Then I told her I wanted to be saved. Then she read and prayed. Then I asked the Lord to save me and I believe He did. Also I am glad He saved me when I was little or I might have gone to Hell. I thank the Lord for saving me even though I fail him many times.

Yes, Janis, it is a wonderful thing to be saved when you are still young. Now with God's help, your whole life can be used for the Lord Jesus.

Bert R. Kunzelman of Miami, Florida, tells how his mother led him to trust the Lord Jesus:

I am very glad to be able to tell you I know the Lord Jesus as my own personal Saviour, for I accepted Him

when I was six and a half years old in Buffalo, New York, before my dear mother went to Heaven, and she told me Jesus died for me, and for everybody, because all are sinners, and there was only two places after death, Heaven and Hell.

I asked her how do you get there and she said there is only one way to either place. The way to Heaven was by the one and only door which was Jesus and the way to Hell was by refusing God's wonderful gift of salvation. John 3 and 16 explains it. I live with Granny now. Daddy is an invalid. Granny used to read Bible stories to me, now I read to her as I'm 9 years old.

I tried to get some boys to attend my S. S. because they don't go to any and they like it fine.

I was glad to hear that Bert was bringing other boys to Sunday School so they will learn about Jesus, too. That would be a good thing for all of us to do, wouldn't it?

One little girl wrote saying that she had just trusted the Lord to be her Saviour. Although it was not a prize-winning letter, we want to share this letter from Reginia Mullineaux of Unadilla, New York:

"I am 8 years old and my birthday was 2 days before THE SWORD OF THE LORD and now I have 2 birthdays. Last night during devotions my mother read me 'Kids Korner,' and after that we had prayer and I accepted the Lord as my Saviour. I am so happy that I wanted to write you. I was saved at home . . ."

God bless you, Reginia. And if some of you other boys and girls have not yet made that important decision for Christ, do it now. The Lord Jesus Christ is standing at the door of your heart and He is knocking. He wants to come into your heart and make it clean and make you His child. Will you say, "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus, and be my Saviour"? He loves you so much and wants to make you His child, but He can't come in until you say, "Yes," and receive Him.



"At the heart's door, the Saviour's waiting,
At the heart's door, fast closed by sin;
Don't you hear Him gently knocking?
Draw the bolt, and let Him in."

MEMORY WORK: Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3: 20).

By the way, next week we will have a story as usual. I left out the story this week so you could enjoy reading some of the nice letters I received.

Don't forget to tell your friends about "Kids Korner." Why not show them a copy of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and perhaps their parents would like to subscribe to the paper.

See you next week!

Take your doubts and pull them up and you will find sin at the root of them.

—Bob Jones, Sr.

INCIDENTS and Illustrations

By
Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

Principles of Leadership

Leaders at West Point have boiled the principles of military psychology and leadership down to ten simple commandments which they drill into their cadets. These commandments are: (1) Take responsibility for your actions regardless of their outcome; (2) Set the example; (3) Know yourself and seek self-improvement; (4) Seek responsibility and develop a sense of responsibility among subordinates; (5) Make sure the task is understood, supervised, and accomplished; (6) Know your men and look out for their welfare; (7) Keep your men informed; (8) Train your men as a team; (9) Employ your command in accordance with its capabilities; and (10) Know your job.

The commandments could be studied and followed very profitably by pastors, Sunday School superintendents, youth leaders, and others in places of leadership in Christian service. Our churches, Sunday Schools, youth groups, etc., rise no higher than permitted by their leadership.

Smokescreen

Dorothy Collins, who has skyrocketed to fame as a singer just in the past few years, went to the top largely through her success in singing a cigarette jingle. In fact, the cigarette company confessed that because of her, their cigarette sales took a tremendous jump. She opened and closed their programs, singing the praises of that particular cigarette. But Dorothy Collins, according to a columnist writing in the *Chicago Tribune*, has NEVER smoked a cigarette in her life!

What Goes on at the Movies?

It is not necessary to attend the movies for anyone with the slightest sense of discernment to discover what goes on. One recent Hollywood extravaganza starring some of Cinemaland's top stars (Montgomery Clift, Elizabeth Taylor, and Eva Marie Saint) was advertised: "SEE THESE DARING SCENES: A visiting Southern beauty disrupts a small-town romance . . . Seduction at Paradise Lake . . . The lies that lure men into marriage . . . Hon-

ey moon at a haunted plantation . . . The dolls on the bridal bed . . . Strange confession of a runaway wife . . . A young lover tries to forget by going off to battle . . . The golden haired girl who waited . . . 'I love you. I've always loved you' . . . Rendezvous at the Raintree." The advertisers did not even see the necessity of branding the film "Adults Only"!

Divorced for Dipping

A Dallas judge granted a divorce recently on the grounds that "the excessive use of snuff is as objectionable as the excessive use of alcohol." The plaintiff charged that his wife had not told him about the use of snuff when they were married five years previously and that repeated pleading to discard the habit proved unavailing. The judge lost no time in granting a verdict in favor of the husband.

Tobacco in any form is both nasty and objectionable on the part of those who do not use it themselves. However, America has stooped to a sorry situation when judges on her benches grant divorces for using tobacco. The Word of God allows—not commands, but permits—a divorce only on the grounds of fornication. *Nothing less than that is permitted!*

Another War: Yes or No?

The American Weekly published an article some time ago by William L. Laurence, world-famous science writer and journalist, entitled "Why There Can Not Be Another War?" The gist of his remarks were summed up: "Because no aggressor would risk annihilation by setting off a single bomb more destructive than all the explosives in World War II." However, the learned and respected Mr. Laurence ignored one vital thing which can trigger a third global conflict: another madman like Hitler! Every so often civilization produces a madman who rises to the very heights of power but who cannot be governed by reason. It is true that no sensible aggressor would risk annihilation in this hydrogen age, but madmen are not governed by common sense.

"Catch, then oh! catch the transient hour,
Improve each moment as it flies;
Life's a short summer—man a flower,
He dies—alas! how soon he dies."

—Dr. Johnson

Evangelist Sumner can be seen and heard:

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\$580 Needed at Once For Portugal

By Evangelist Walt Handford,
Assistant Editor

Our good friend, Missionary Magnus Foreid, came by the office a few days ago and told us of an urgent need of \$580 to print 100,000 additional copies of Dr. Rice's tract, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in Portuguese.

Brother Foreid is a missionary under The Evangelical Alliance Mission in Portugal. We have long been impressed with the solid good soul-winning work he has been doing there in that difficult field. In August of 1951 we sent money for the first printing of 100,000 copies of Dr. Rice's tract. Since that time we have supplied a total of \$5,250 for the printing of 700,000 copies of the tract in Portuguese itself and 100,000 copies to be used among Portuguese-speaking people in Brazil.

Brother Foreid and his intermission group who publish and supply this tract to fundamental missionaries are very careful about seeing that the money is well spent. We receive regular reports from them and know that they use the money wisely and distribute the tracts carefully.

Now comes an opportunity to

have an additional 100,000 copies of paper than previous editions and tract printed on a better grade of paper than previous editions and at an unusually low price of only \$580. This is actually far less per copy than it costs to have this tract printed in English here in our own country in one million quantities.

If the Lord leads you to help about this urgent need, would you send your gift to us and indicate that you want the money used to help pay for the printing of Dr. Rice's tract, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in Portuguese. You will receive a receipt for your gift and it is deductible from your income tax. I pray you will feel led to help about this matter.

Be true. If they put you out of the church, get out on the street corner and preach. Start a prayer meeting in your home. Win souls! Be true and God will stand by you.—Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

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THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

These notes are dictated in my room, "The Prophet's Chamber," at the big Tabernacle Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina, where I am engaged for a week of Bible and revival conference. It is 11:20 p.m. We have had a blessed service tonight. In five days here I have preached fourteen times, am scheduled to make five broadcasts tomorrow besides speaking twice more, and then I hope to make two more radio tapes for my own broadcast Saturday besides preaching in the regular services of the conference.

My heart is thrilled at the way God is raising up evangelistic, fundamental churches, real soul-winning, aggressive, spiritual churches. The Tabernacle Baptist Church is six years and three months old. It was founded by the present pastor, Rev. Harold B. Sightler. It has 1,500 members. The lovely church auditorium, modern and beautiful, seats 1,500. The choir seats 174. Last Sunday they had 1,048 in Sunday School, more than that the Sunday before. (Later: 11:00 Oct. 12.) They have fifteen foreign missionaries. Eleven ministerial students have gone out from the church and are now in college preparing for the ministry—seven in Tennessee Temple Schools, three in Bob Jones University, one in Furman University here nearby. Three young women from the church are in school preparing to be missionaries and one has already gone to the field from this young church. Ten young men have already gone into the ministry from this church six years old and are now pastors!

Thank God for raising up men fundamental in doctrine, aggressively evangelistic, premillennial, fervent in spirit, informal. Brother Sightler also maintains a daily radio broadcast over eight stations, and holds special services in many churches in South Carolina and nearby states. He is the president of the Southern Baptist Fellowship. It is a joy to be with him.

The Tabernacle Baptist Church is independent. Brother Sightler originally asked Southern Baptist leaders of the association to help him organize the church and they refused. The church presented a letter asking for admittance in the county association, and they were asked to withdraw it. What a strange and sad thing it is that Southern Baptist leaders are so anxious about a denominational program, instead of about revival and soul winning, that they some way feel ill at ease with the great soul-winning preachers and churches like Dr. Lee Roberson's Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, and Brother Jack Hyles' Miller Road Baptist Church in Garland, Texas! So it is with Tabernacle Baptist Church which, it is said, has the largest church auditorium in South Carolina, and the most spectacular and blessed growth in the history of the state.

Editor Now Married Thirty-Seven Years

On Saturday, September 27, this editor and Mrs. Rice celebrated our thirty-seventh wedding anniversary. The birthday of THE SWORD OF THE LORD comes the next day after our wedding anniversary. Our baby daughter, Joy, number six, was born on our sixteenth wedding anniversary. So in the two days we had a grand time celebrating our wedding anniversary, Joy's birthday, and then the birthday of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

On Friday all the children came in. Jessie and Sandy (Don Sandberg) came from Moline where he is youth and music director for Moline Evangelical Free Church. The other children live in Wheaton. So we had a grand dinner together with gifts and good wishes and hugs and kisses. Thank God for the blessings of these thirty-seven years with Mrs. Rice. Thank God for the children. He has given us through the

years, and the open door for service.

Hey Partners, Now It Is Easy!

We have been asking as many friends of THE SWORD OF THE LORD as possible to undertake to raise a quota of 10, 15, 25, 50, or 100 subscriptions for THE SWORD OF THE LORD at a special club rate, before January 1. And now we have made it extra easy! I am so glad that we have been able to make a plan so that now if you send ten subscriptions, all at one time, you may have them all ten for \$19, whether new or renewal. And with these ten subscriptions for \$19 you get absolutely free the editor's new \$2.50 book, *Is God a "Dirty Bully"? And Other Sensational Sermons*. The book has approximately 192 pages, nice library binding, and I want you to have it. But I especially want 1,000 partners now who in the next few weeks will send in at least ten subscriptions for \$19 and get the sensational book of sermons free. Will you be one?

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Gifts Still Coming for "Investment Evangelism"

As this is written on Thursday, October 9, we are in the very midst of the "Investment Evangelism" push. Thousands of dollars have come in, and we thank God for them. We cannot know yet for more than three weeks what this month will show.

On Saturday night, November 1, we expect to have a blessed banquet in Wheaton or nearby, to rejoice in God's blessings and to announce the results and pray. But those who wish may continue their gifts monthly or otherwise. Many will want to make large gifts before the first of the year and thus avoid paying income tax on those gifts.

Receipts will be sent for every gift, and for every gift of \$24 or more a large 8x10 brown and gold certificate, suitable for framing, will be sent, neatly lettered, a beautiful thing you will treasure. Thank you, beloved friends, for your help.

Sword Evangelistic Sermon Contest Closes December 1

We are offering \$1,600 in awards for the ten best evangelistic sermons, to be submitted to us and in our hands by December 1. Note the rules carefully.

1. The sermons must be addressed to the unsaved—that is, evangelistic sermons intended to bring conviction, or to make the plan of salvation plain, or to bring to decision.

2. Sermons must be original sermons not previously published, and not copied from some other man, though you may quote other men if you give proper credit.

3. Sermons are to be typewritten, single spaced, on one side of the paper only. We suggest perhaps from 3,000 to 5,000 words in length, though this is not a binding limit.

4. Scriptures are not to be used from the Revised Standard Version or from other modern versions of the Bible like Moffatt's or Phillips'.

5. The author's name and address is to be plainly written on the sermon.

6. The author should give his denomination or his official position, pastor of what church, etc., and other interesting facts in a letter accompanying the manuscript.

We reserve the right not to award prizes for any sermon not (in our estimation) worthy of publication. Other sermons besides the prize winning sermons,

if esteemed worthy, will be purchased at regular rates. Authors may reserve the book rights of manuscripts after they are used in THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

After Greenville, Dayton, Ohio; Then Pittsburgh; Then Plymouth, Pennsylvania

Sunday night we expect to fly all night to get to Dayton, Ohio, for early Monday morning where Dr. Bob Jones will have begun on Sunday a conference on revival and soul winning, and where Dr. Lee Roberson will come to help us on Thursday and Friday. The conference runs through the following Sunday, October 19. On Thursday I will get away for one big day, God willing, with Dr. Tom Malone, with his great Emmanuel Baptist Church and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and hundreds of Christian workers and preachers from his state; then back to Dayton.

On Monday, November 20, Dr. Jones and I go to Pittsburgh for four days with the Greater Pittsburgh Evangelical Fellowship, a conference in the Callender Memorial Church.

November 2-5 I will be speaking, God willing, at Plymouth, Pennsylvania, in Ebenezer Baptist Church, Dr. Hettinger, pastor, with other churches co-operating. We hope people from that area in Pennsylvania will come to hear us.

The burdens are heavy. I have more than I can possibly do, with the heavy editorial burdens of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, with pressing invitations, with much writing, and heavy mail. Oh, may the dear Lord smile upon me with power from on high and with wisdom for these problems and burdens. Will you pray daily for this unworthy editor?

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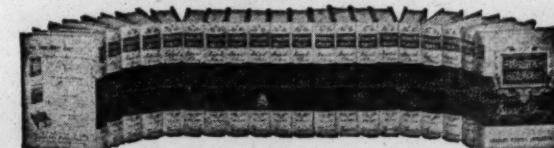
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**Questions
Answered**
by
The Editor

I would like to accept Christ, but I am not sure I believe the Bible . . . Can I ask God to make, or help me, to believe?

ANSWER: Anyone can believe. There is plenty of proof that the Bible is the Word of God and that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, proof enough to convince anyone who really wants to know and obey the truth. John says in John 20:31, "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." We here see that life comes through believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, comes through studying what is written. If anyone will take the Gospel of John and read it the right way, he will know and believe before he gets through that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and he will have life through believing it. Now what is the right way to read it?

First of all, surrender your will to God. "If any man will to do God's will, he shall know of the teaching, that it is from God" (John 7:17 American Revised Version). One can read the Gospel of John again and again and not come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, if he reads it with an unsurrendered will, but if a man will first surrender his will to God, to obey God whatever it may cost him, he cannot read the Gospel of John through once without coming to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Second, each time you read it, look up to God and ask Him to show you how much truth there is in the verses you are about to read, and promise Him that you will take your stand upon what He shows you to be true. Do not read too many verses at once. Pay careful attention to what you read. Read with a real desire to learn the truth and to obey it. By the time you get through the Gospel of John you will find that you can believe; in fact, you will find that you do believe.

The reason that men do not believe is either because they are not living up to what they do believe, they have not surrendered their wills to God, or else they do not study the evidence that is calculated to produce belief. Men neglect their Bibles and read all kinds of trashy unbelieving books, and then say, "I can't believe!" A man might just as well feed himself on poison instead of food and then complain that he is not healthy. There is abundant evidence that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and faith is a matter of the will—it is willingness to yield to the sufficient evidence. Unbelief is the refusal to yield to the sufficient evidence. Unbelief is a matter for which every unbeliever is responsible.

God demands that we believe, that we yield our wills to the truth which He has abundantly revealed. Faith is the one thing that God demands of man, because it is the one thing above all else that we owe to God (John 6:29). Without that faith which is due to God it is impossible to please Him (Hebrews 11:6). If I had a child who did not believe in me, nothing else he could do would please me.

Let me say that being saved is a very simple matter. It simply takes putting your trust in Jesus and depending on Him, risking Him to do what He is ready to do and what He has already promised to do. Jesus said in John 6:37, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." When you come to Christ, wanting Him to save you, He will never turn you down. This is the plain promise He made. The price for your pardon is already paid. Christ has already died and He died for you. He has invited you to come



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The Way the Bible Is Read

My father read the Bible through three times after he was eighty years of age, and without spectacles; not for the mere purpose of saying he had been through it so often, but for his eternal profit. John Colby, the brother-in-law of Daniel Webster, learned to read after he was eighty-four years of age, in order that he might become acquainted with the Scriptures. There is no book in the world that demands so much of our attention as the Bible. Yet nine-tenths of Christian men get no more than ankle-deep. They think it is a good sign not to venture too far.—Talmage.

and accept Him. Now, just as you risk the bank with your money and deposit it in simple faith; just as you risk the doctor and call him and turn your case over to him when you are sick; just so you ought to trust Christ. Will you do it today? Read again the little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?", read it slowly and earnestly and take it at face value. Look up the Scripture references in the Bible. And then, won't you tell Jesus in your heart that you will risk Him and take Him to be your Saviour? I hope you will sign the decision slip, or write me a letter telling me that you have trusted Christ as Saviour. How my heart would rejoice if I could have word from you saying that you are putting your trust in Jesus, and depending on Him to save you!

Announcing New Book . . .

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had just as well make up his mind to get on God's side or the Devil's side, one or the other.

Sermon 2 is "The Electrocution of Raymond Hamilton." This sermon was based on the electrocution of a famous robber and murderer who went to the electric chair in Texas some years ago. It deals with the whole matter of the judgment of God on sin, that God demands the death penalty for murder, and that God Himself will bring sin to judgment. When this sermon was preached, twenty-two people came forward to claim Christ as Saviour in Dallas, Texas. Law officers all over the land asked for copies.

Sermon 3 is "The Kidnapping and Murder of Bobby Greenlease." This sermon was preached and written following the ghastly crime in Kansas City, when Carl Hall and Bonnie Heady kidnapped a rich automobile dealer's little boy, took \$600,000 ransom but murdered the poor little fellow. This shows the wages of sin; it shows the terrible sin of covetousness. It shows the bareness and futility of wealth, without God's blessing. America needs, desperately, this sermon.

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Sermon 7 is "How a Devil-Possessed Fortuneteller Got Two Preachers in Jail and What Came of It." Here is the only Bible sermon I know that gives clearly the Bible teaching about fortunetelling, astrology, spiritism, and such like. It shows also what happens to preachers and Christian workers who are faithful, how God gets people out of trouble when they serve Him, and makes the plan of salvation plain as day.

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preaching by the river Jordan was sensational. It was sensational to face the scribes and Pharisees and refuse to baptize them, to call them a "generation of vipers," and demand that these religious leaders show evidence of repentance! It was sensational for Jesus to preach as He did in Matthew 23, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites . . . how can you escape the damnation of Hell?" It was sensational for Stephen to face the murderers of Jesus Christ and say, "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost; as your fathers did, so do ye" (Acts 7:51). It was sensational for Paul to preach to Agrippa and to reason "with him of righteousness, sin, and judgment" as the Bible says he did. It is right to preach so plainly, so emphatically, with such Holy Spirit power and authority, that lost men tremble, or that unrepentant sinners will be offended.

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EVANGELIST CARLYLE SCOTT, 713 Whitlock Avenue, Crawfordsville, Indiana, reports two good meetings. At the Whiteside Baptist Church, Whiteside, Indiana, where Rev. John

McIntyre is pastor, there were souls saved in nearly every service of a meeting held September 2-10. In a two-week meeting in the Berlin Baptist Church, Marne, Michigan, where Rev. Russell Taylor is pastor, there were 40 or 50 people who reconsecrated their lives for service to the Lord, and 12 people saved.

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Rev. William Lincoln, pastor of the Draper Baptist Church of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, reports a good meeting with **EVANGELIST HAROLD WARNER** of Forest Grove, Pennsylvania. During the eight-day campaign there were 12 first-time decisions for Christ and many decisions among Christians.

Noteworthy NEWS Notes

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We must be careful that we are not only separated from the standpoint of Christian doctrine, but separated also from the standpoint of Christian conduct and vice versa. One without the other is not complete consecration. The Pharisees were separated from the standpoint of conduct; that is, they lived a self-righteous life; but from the standpoint of Christian doctrine, they were not separated. They substituted the traditions of men and their own conveniences and that which was expedient for them, for that which was clearly set forth and laid down in the Word of the eternal God.

These Ammonites and Moabites and all their descendants were people upon whom the curse of God had rested. Ammon and Moab were the two sons born to the two wicked daughters of Lot by their own father after the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. The curse of God was upon them; yet they had been allowed in the house of the Lord.

Then we read in verse 3 of this chapter of a "mixed multitude." Mark that phrase in your Bible. It is found a number of times. In Exodus 12:38 we read of a "mixed multitude" who went out of Egypt when Israel was redeemed by blood. This mixed multitude went along, not because they had been redeemed and sheltered and cleansed by the blood of the passover lamb but because they had seen God work miracles in Egypt. They went along from a fleshly standpoint, from the standpoint of curiosity, and to be with a great group of people who were going out. Their hearts were not changed. Later on, hundreds of years later, we find this mixed multitude still present approximately one thousand years after they went out of Egypt.

We find also in the book of Numbers, chapter 11, verse 4, that when Moses was leading the children of Israel out of the bondage of Egypt to the freedom and blessings of the land of Canaan and had come to Kadesh-Barnea, a most important place and most epochal event in the life of Israel, that this same "mixed multitude" was there to hinder and caused a weeping and murmuring among the people of God.

The mixed multitude is always a hindrance. It always has been and always will be. There is absolutely no point to be gained by

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us, and said, What is this thing that ye do?" (Neh. 2:19).

3. The enemies ridiculed and counted this true and scriptural work a small and insignificant matter. They said, "Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall" (Neh. 4:3).

4. The enemies joined hands and co-operated together to defeat this true work of God. "And conspired all of them together to come and fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it" (Neh. 4:8).

5. The enemies sought to bring about an unequal and unscriptural union of believers and unbelievers. They said, "Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages" (Neh. 6:2), and Nehemiah sent them this classic answer, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: Why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" (Neh. 6:3).

6. The enemies tried to frighten them by threatening words. They said, "Their hands shall be weakened from their work, that it be not done" (Neh. 6:9). Nehemiah responded with this compassionate prayer, "Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands" (Neh. 6:9).

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There are some things recorded in the book of Nehemiah that he did which show that he feared no one. These things he did in the power of God, for there is no other way that a man could get by with some of the things that he did except it be done in the energy of the Spirit and by the power of God.

For instance, he threatened the merchants who desecrated the Sabbath Day and sold their wares in the city of Jerusalem on the Holy Day. He said, "If you do so again, I will lay hands on you." He showed courage when he went into the temple and threw the furniture of one wicked Tobiah out of the holy chamber in the temple. He showed courage again when he pronounced a curse upon the backslidden, vacillating Jews who had married wives of Ashdod. He threatened them, pronounced a curse upon them, and smote certain ones and plucked out their hair. Then we read that he chased the son-in-law of Sanballat—chased him away, ran him off.

He was a man of great courage. He was a great worker and great leader. There is much to be learned about Christian leadership and soul winning and church building in the book of Nehemiah. In many respects, it is a book on how to work for the Lord.

We read what the enemy will do when we undertake to work for God. The enemy tried to make fun of what they were doing and laugh them out of their holy purpose. They stood back and said, "If a fox were to go upon the wall, it would break down." Then they threatened them and told them they were violating the law of the King and of Persia and that they would suffer for it. Thus they tried to put fear in their hearts. Then they tried to

join them.

The Devil has never changed in his tactics. He seeks to laugh us out of our work; he seeks to put fear in our hearts as to the consequences of being true to God; he seeks to get us to join the wrong crowd or allow them to join us in order to weaken the forces of the church. What a wonderful book it is!

I am concerned primarily in this message with the statement found in the last chapter of the book, which is a most vital and important question, "Why is the house of God forsaken?"

In this chapter there are five reasons shown why the house of God in Jerusalem was forsaken. I want to make it clear that the house of God can be forsaken in more ways than by one's physical presence. We are seeing in many instances today thousands of people attending the house of the Lord. Yet the house of God, the true scriptural house of God and the work of God is being forsaken. It is being forsaken in the very same five ways that this chapter points out that the house of God was forsaken in the days of Nehemiah. Thousands of churches across America today know nothing about the old-fashioned prayer meetings. The Sunday night evangelistic service has long since been abandoned by many. A soul-winning visitation program is unheard of in most churches. God's house has been forsaken!

I. The House of God Was Forsaken Because of a Lack of Separation

First of all, the house of God was forsaken by lack of separation. In the first three verses in this thirteenth chapter of Nehemiah we read this significant statement: "On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people." (They were reading from the first few verses of the twenty-third chapter of the book of Deuteronomy.) Reading these verses they discovered that God had said many years previous that the Ammonite and Moabite should never come into the congregation of God forever. Now Nehemiah finds that the Ammonite and the Moabite, these heathen, unconverted ones, were in the congregation of God and were allowed there. The thing that caused them to see this lack of separation was the reading of the Word of God.

You know, dear friends, it is most important today that we know what the Bible says on the subject of separation. There is much involved. The Christian individually is to be separated from evil and from the world and from all that is anti-Christian and anti-God. The church collectively as a body is to be a separated group.

We are to be separated doctrinally as well as from the standpoint of conduct. Many today who are separated from the standpoint of Christian conduct are not separated from the standpoint of Christian doctrine; that is, they very freely mix and mingle with people who do not believe in the virgin birth of Christ and the entire verbal inspiration of the original writings of the Word of

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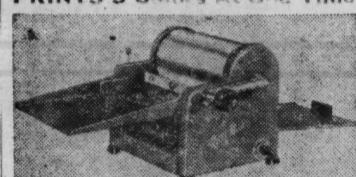
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the admission of unconverted people into the membership of churches. In fact, it is a wicked sin against God. God's Word says, "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (II Cor. 6:14). God says in His Book, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, . . . and touch not the unclean thing" (II Cor. 6:17). The greatest need in the churches of America today, if they are to be soul-winning churches, is to get back to the Bible in the matter of Christian separation.

II. The House of God was Forsaken Because of the Lack of Cleanliness

We find in verses 4 to 9 of this thirteenth chapter of Nehemiah that Eliashib the priest had taken a compromising attitude toward Tobiah, a wicked man who had opposed the work of the Lord carried on by Nehemiah and his faithful cohorts. We read how this priest with great compromise had allowed Tobiah to occupy a most important and sacred chamber there in the temple. Tobiah had taken up his abode there. This is most important because this chamber typically speaking

was a chamber reserved for the Lord Jesus Christ. There the meat offerings and frankincense were stored, which were typical of Jesus. Actually, it was a room which spoke of His glorious Person; but Tobiah, an enemy of the work of God, had been allowed into the Holy Temple and into this most sacred spot which was to be occupied typically by the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We read how Nehemiah came to Jerusalem and was grieved in his heart because of this compromise and uncleanness in the house of the Lord. He went into this particular chamber in the temple and threw all the furni-

ture of wicked Tobiah out into the street and commanded that the chamber be cleansed, and it was.

This speaks of cleanliness in the house of the Lord. God's church is always to be a clean church. The Bible tells us how that God through the Holy Spirit from time to time has purged out and cleansed wickedness from the midst of the people of God and that purging and chastising on the part of God has always brought fear to the hearts of unbelievers and caused them to be converted and to respect and revere God. This was true in the days of the early church as re-

cored in Acts 5 as God struck with sudden death Ananias and Sapphira, who lived a life of pretense and sham and pretended to have achieved a level of spirituality which actually they did not possess. There were funerals and sudden death in the midst of the early church because God wants a clean church.

I read years ago of one of the bloody revolutions that took place in France during the reign of King Louis XVII and his beautiful Queen, Marie Antoinette. History tells us of how the little Prince, Louis, often called The Little Dolphin, was a most feminine

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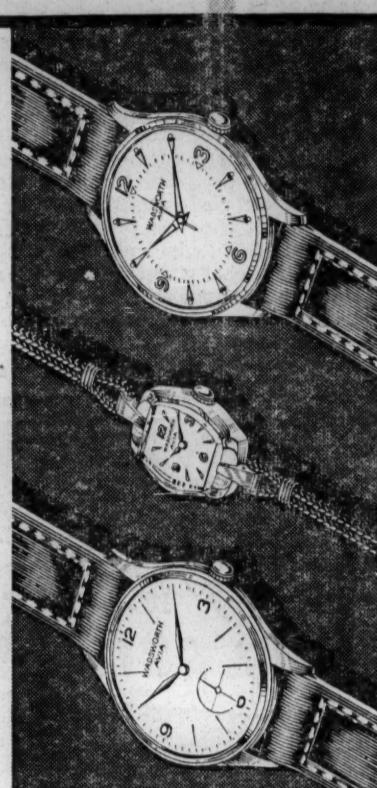
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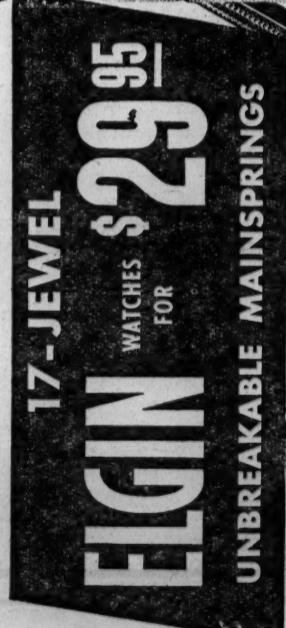
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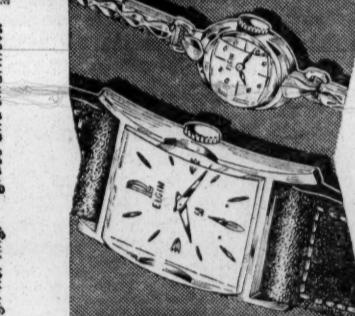
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Our Lord's Return

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the church has had very little to say about it.

Now, I can see a reason for this. The Devil does not want us to see this truth, for nothing would wake up the church so much. The moment a man takes hold of the truth that Jesus Christ is coming back again to receive His friends to Himself, this world loses its hold upon him; gas-stocks and water-stocks and stocks in banks and in horse-railroads are of very much less consequence to him then. His heart is free, and he looks for the blessed appearing of his Lord, who at His coming will take him into His blessed kingdom.

In II Peter 1:20 we read: "No prophecy is of any private interpretation." Some people say, "Oh, yes, the prophecies are all well enough for the priests and doctors, but not for the rank and file of the church." But Peter says, "The prophecy came not by the will of man, but holy men spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," and those men are the very ones who tell us of the return of our Lord.

Look at Daniel 2:45, where he tells the meaning of that stone which the king saw in his dream that was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that broke in pieces the iron, the brass, and clay, the silver, and the gold. "The dream is certain and the interpretation thereof sure," says Daniel. Now we have seen the fulfillment of that prophecy—all but the closing part of it. The kingdoms of Babylon, and Medo-Persia, and Greece and Rome have all been broken in pieces; now it only remains for this stone cut out of the mountain without hands to smite the image and break it in pieces till it becomes like the dust of the summer threshing-floor, and for this stone to become a great mountain and fill the whole earth.

But how is He going to come? We are told how He is going to come. When those disciples stood looking up into Heaven at the time of His ascension, there appeared two angels who said unto them (Acts 1:11), "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up

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nine-looking little boy with beautiful curly hair. Some even hinted that the little Prince was feeble-minded. The revolutionists took the King and Queen and executed them. Just before they were to take the life of The Little Dolphin, the wicked crowd suggested that they have some sport and jest with him.

They said, "Let us not kill him now; let us take him down into the slums and filthy parts of the city and turn him over to old Aunt Mag, the most wicked and vile woman who ever lived."

This they did. Aunt Mag, it is said, used all kind of vulgar and vile language in the presence of the Little Prince. She set before him vile and corrupt food and urged him to eat. She sought to induce him to do things that were corrupt and vile. It is said that the Little Prince would shake his curly locks and clinch his little fist and beat upon the table and cry, "I will not! I will not! Don't you know I am the son of a King? I will not defile myself with these wicked thoughts and this vile and corrupt food. I'm a child of a King. I'm a child of a King." He said, "You may kill me, but I will gladly die before I will defile myself with these wicked things."

This ought to be the spirit dominating the heart and life of every Christian. First of all, we

should realize we are children of the King. We are not our own; we have been bought with a price. We thank God that because of the new birth and the cleansing blood and the indwelling Holy Spirit, we are a royal people. God give us the spirit to say, "Gladly would I die before I would defile myself and desecrate my body, which is the temple of the Holy Ghost."

The house of God is often forsaken in the matter of cleanliness on the part of the members of the household of faith. Only clean Christians will ever be able to win the lost and check the awful flood tide of wickedness which threatens to destroy our homes and churches and freedom.

III. The House of God Was Forsaken By Lack of Giving

Verses 10 to 14 show how the tithe had ceased to be brought into the temple, and as a result of this the priests were not even being supported and had gone back to the fields and farms in order to make their living.

Now the Word of God teaches that His work is to be supported by the tithes and offerings of the Lord's people. There is no argument on the subject. There is no question whatever but that the Bible teaches this is God's way and the only way God has or-

into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." How did He go up? He took His flesh and bones up with Him. "Look at me; handle me; give me something to eat; a spirit has not flesh and bones as ye see me have; I am the identical one whom they crucified and laid in the grave. Now I am risen from the dead and am going to Heaven."

He is gone, say the angels, but He will come again just as He went. An angel was sent to announce His birth of the virgin; angels sang of His advent in Bethlehem; an angel told the disciples of His resurrection; and two angels told the disciples of His coming. All give the same testimony.

I don't know why people shouldn't like to study the Bible and find out all about this precious doctrine of our Lord's return. Some have gone beyond prophecy and tried to tell the very day He would come. Perhaps that is one reason why people don't believe this doctrine. He is coming; we know that.

There are three great facts foretold in the Word of God. First, that Christ should come. That has been fulfilled. Second, that the Holy Ghost should come. That was fulfilled at Pentecost, and the church is able to testify to it by its experience of His saving grace. Third, the return of our Lord again from Heaven—for this we are told to watch and wait "till he comes."

Look at that account of the last hours of Christ with His disciples. What does Christ say to them? "If I go away, I will send death after you to bring you to me"? No, but, "I will come again, and receive you unto myself."

If my wife were in a foreign country, and I had a beautiful mansion all ready for her, she would a good deal rather I should come and bring her unto it than to have me send someone else to bring her. So the church is the Lamb's wife. He has prepared a mansion for His bride, and He promises for our joy and comfort that He will come Himself and bring us to the place He has been all this while preparing.

My friends, it is perfectly safe to take the Word of God just as we find it. If He tells us to watch, then watch. If He tells us to pray, then pray! If He tells us He will come again, wait for Him! Let the church bow to the Word of God rather than try to find out how these things can be. "Behold, I come quickly," said Christ. "Even so come, Lord Jesus," should be the prayer of the church.

Take the account of the words of Christ at the communion ta-

dined in the Scriptures that the work of the Lord be supported.

All manner of excuses can be given why people do not tithe. Some say, "I believe tithing was under law, and I am at complete liberty under grace to do as I will on this matter." I will show you, God helping me, that the Bible does not teach that tithing was at first instituted under law. Abraham in Genesis 14 tithed. This was at least five hundred years before the law was given at Sinai. Abraham tithed before the law was given, and God commanded him for it.

We read further in Genesis 28 that Jacob made a covenant with God. He said, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God . . . and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Jacob tithed some several hundred years before the law was ever given. So the tithe was not instituted under law; it was reaffirmed under the Mosaic law.

Malachi 3:10 is certainly a tremendous statement concerning the tithe and its connection with the house of God. Malachi 3:10 reads, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

It is a significant thing that the tithe in the Bible is connected with the house of God. It is our conviction that God wants the Christian to give to the local church if that local church is truly the house of God in a scriptural sense. In fact, referring again to the instance of Jacob and his tithe we find even in this case that the tithe is connected to God's house, for when Jacob made this holy resolve and covenant with God to tithe, he poured oil upon a stone and called that place Bethel. Bethel means the house of God.

The story has been told of a young man years ago during the days of great depression who was forced to leave his father's home to seek to make a living for his own. This young man as he left his father's home was passing a farmer's house, and the farmer came out and took him by the hand and said, "Bill, you are leaving your father's home and going to the city. There are two words of advice I would like to give you. First, be a Christian; serve God and never forget that you belong to Jesus. Second, the first dollar that you ever make and all that God gives you in your life, be sure to honor God with at least a tenth."

The young man looked in the face of the Christian farmer and replied, "These two things I will obey." He went into the city and he gave ten cents of the first dollar he made unto the Lord. He followed this practice throughout all of his career. That man was William Colgate, who was the head of the great Colgate Industries and out of whose hands have come hundreds of thousands of dollars for the work of God.

It pays to tithe because it pays to obey God, and it is always best to observe the Word of the Lord. Many times the house of God is forsaken by people's not giving of their tithes and offerings unto the Lord. God will not bless a Christian and give him a soul-winning ministry if he is disobedient to God in the matter of the tithe and offering, and God will not bless a church and make it a great soul-winning church if it attempts to support the Gospel in any other way except by the scriptural method of the tithe and offering.

IV. The House of God Was Forsaken by the Desecration of the Sabbath Day

In verses 15 to 22 we read that Nehemiah was grieved because of the merchants who came to the walls on the Sabbath Day and were allowed to peddle their merchandise and sell their wares to the people in the city and go through the opened gates on the Sabbath Day. This, of course,

was a flagrant violation of the Holy Scriptures. The people of Israel had the seventh day, the Sabbath Day, set aside as a holy day unto the Lord, and they were not to pick up sticks or cook food, much less to be peddling merchandise on the Sabbath Day. Now understand that the Bible speaks plainly that the Sabbath was given not to the church, not to the saved Gentile, but the Sabbath was given, as the book of Exodus clearly points out, unto Israel. In Exodus 31:13 God said, "Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbath ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you."

Now the Lord never gave the seventh day to the church. If I had no other proof that the Lord's Day is the day that we worship and meet together in the house of God than the fact that it is the day that Jesus arose from the grave, that would be enough.

However, the Bible goes further. Acts 20:7 records the observance of communion in the early church on the Lord's Day, not the seventh day. First Corinthians 16 tells us that we are to bring our tithe unto the Lord on that day, and we are to forsake not the assembling of ourselves together in the house of the Lord, bringing our offering with us on the first day of the week.

Now then, in spite of the fact we do not keep the seventh day or the Sabbath, we observe the first day of the week, the Lord's Day; and in spite of the fact that there is a distinct difference between the two, one was a day of complete rest and inactivity for Israel while the other is a day of worship and meeting together and service for the Lord for the church.

The Lord's Day is a holy day. We believe that it is wrong to violate the holy day of the Lord and not to observe and keep it. It certainly is wicked for a Christian to absent himself from the house of the Lord on the day of the Lord. Desecration of the Sabbath Day was a sin in Nehemiah's generation. Forsaking the house of the Lord on the Lord's Day is a sin in our day which is prominent among hundreds of thousands of professing Christians.

In the interests of the nation we must keep the Lord's Day. Said the great Victorian statesman, W. E. Gladstone, "Tell me what the young men of England are doing on Sunday, and I will tell you what the future of England will be." For our own sake, for the sake of our families, our sons and daughters, and all coming after, let us safeguard the Lord's Day. The Christian Sabbath has been provided for us in the wisdom of God for our physical, mental, and spiritual well-being, and we act wisely when we use this God-given day in the worship and service of our Maker, and in giving heed to the things that matter most.

A few years ago the ladies of my church told me this strange and yet true story. These ladies said they went out to the woods hunting some kind of berries. While they were walking out through the woods along a little road, they suddenly heard an awful noise. They looked in the direction of the noise, and it appeared that a building had collapsed. They went over to the building and there stood a man shaking like a leaf. The color had left his face, and he looked deathly sick.

He said to these ladies, "Just a few seconds before this garage fell, one of my little children who was playing in there came out. Then the garage collapsed into the pile of rubish that you see now. I am a Christian, but I let God's house go, and I got out of fellowship with God, and I stayed away from the Lord and built this garage on the Lord's Day. Look at it now." He continued, "Just think, but for the mercy of God my little child would have been crushed beneath that heap of stone and wood at this very minute."

I'll tell you, my friends, when God says something in His Word, I believe that it is important. God says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the

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Empty Churches—Why?

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manner of some is" (Heb. 10:25). David said in Psalm 122: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." A Christian is always to be connected with the house of God.

Now there are fifty-two Sundays in the year. In our section of the country there are at least ten Sundays in the winter that some fellow who doesn't really want to serve God will say, "Well, it's just too cold." There are at least ten Sundays in the summer, around July and August, when he will say, "Well, it's just too hot." It's not too hot to go to the grocery store, not too hot to go to work, but too hot to go to church. It's too cold ten Sundays and it's too hot ten Sundays.

There are at least ten Sundays when it is pouring down rain. Now wouldn't it be awful, friends, for a Christian to get a little bit damp going to the house of God? Wouldn't that be a tragedy? You know, I have played ball in the rain, and it never bothered me a bit. I've gone hunting in the rain, and it never hurt me a bit. There are ten Sundays that it is too wet to go; this makes thirty Sundays.

There are six Sundays when it snows too much. Some old boy from Tennessee looks out the window and sees the snow. His feet hit the cold floor, and he says, "The Lord is leading me to stay home today." This makes thirty-six Sundays.

Now there are five Sundays out of the year that you have company. Let me tell you, company soon learns whom they can visit on the Lord's Day and get a good meal and not be asked to go to the house of God. If your relatives and your neighbors know that they can come to your home and with the slightest excuse you will refrain from going to the house of God, you will never win them to Jesus. They have no confidence whatever in your testimony. Five Sundays you have company. Oh, don't embarrass them. It would be an awful thing even to suggest that they go to the house of God.

You know, nobody bothers me on the Lord's Day. I have never had a caller on Sunday morning. Never. People know who is going to the house of God. Yes, five Sundays you have company.

Then there are five Sundays that you have to return the visit. You say, "I've got to go visit Aunty Molly and Uncle Joe. They are getting old." You never do this on Saturday, or Monday, or Tuesday, or Wednesday, or Thursday, or Friday. It must be on the Lord's Day.

Then there are four Sundays that you are sick. Actually one day you are sick; the other three you think you are. Johnny sneezes on Friday so all six members of the family stay home on the Lord's Day. That takes up fifty Sundays, which leaves two.

You very piously say, "I'm going to church today." That is Easter. Again you say, "I'm going to church today." That is Christmas. That is a sorry kind of Christianity, isn't it?

You laugh about it, but I want to tell you if you as a Christian, and Tom Malone as a preacher have come to the place that we accept that kind of Christianity, there is something wrong with us, and we are backslidden and not very close to God.

V. The House of God Was Forsaken By Unscriptural Marriages on the Part of the Children of God

Verses 23 to 27 give us the pitiful record of the intermarriage of the Jews with the heathen women of the Ammonites and the Moabites, who followed the false religion of Ashdod. The pitiful results are set forth, for the Bible tells us their children were confused and mixed up. They spake half in the speech of Ashdod and could not speak in the Jew's language because of the mixed marriage and intermingling on the part of God's people and the heathen people.

Mixed marriages and unscriptural marriages always cause disaster and confusion. Children are misled and confused. Homes

are broken, ending in divorce. Souls are sent to Hell. The Word of God is violated. The Spirit of God is grieved. The house of the Lord is hindered. The work of God is hindered as it was in this instance.

No wonder Nehemiah was so stirred up on this matter he contended with them, pronounced a curse on them, smote certain of them, and pulled out their hair. He demonstrated that he was opposed to this violation of the Word of God.

I remember years ago hearing a very Spirit-filled and wonderful evangelist tell of a family he knew in the East when he was a young preacher. It was another case of a young Christian woman who stepped out of the will of God and violated the Scripture and married a unsaved man. The young man became very successful in business and finally they became very wealthy people.

The Lord blessed them with a little baby girl. She was torn between two opinions—those of her mother who sought to serve the Lord, and those of her father who lived only for this world and what he could get out of it. When she reached the age of sixteen, her father bought her an automobile, beautiful clothes, and sought to

shove her on to the dance floor and into the mad whirl of a godless society.

When she was twenty-one, she contracted pneumonia while attending a dance. She soon lay upon her deathbed. It is said that the brokenhearted mother stood on one side and the brokenhearted father stood on the other side. The father came and brought the jewels, the keys to the beautiful car, some of the evening clothes and laid them on the foot of the bed and sought to comfort the daughter's heart in her dying hour.

The daughter, it is said, looked at her father and in her dying moments said, "Father, none of these things mean anything to me now. What I have needed all along is my mother's Saviour. You've led me astray. You've led me wrong. You've damned my soul. I'm dying now, and there is no hope."

In a moment she closed her eyes in the silent sleep of death and departed this life without hope and went out to meet God totally unprepared.

It never pays to violate God's Holy Word to live in sin and unbelief.

Why is the house of God forsaken? Why have you forsaken the Lord? Why have you turned from Him? Why have you failed to trust Him?

—The End—

Watching Jesus Die

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"Depart from me ye workers of iniquity; I never knew you." They will say, "Lord, we did lots of wonderful things for You." But He will say, "I never knew you." No, I could not always tell who is saved and who is not. But if I could only know what your attitude is toward the dying Saviour, that would reveal it. Then I would know whether you were saved or lost, whether you were headed for Heaven or Hell. Now consider these at the cross.

1. Inner-Circle Christians

First, an inner-circle of good Christians watched Jesus die. In John 19 is the story of the crucifixion, and in verses 25 through 27 the Scripture says:

"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home."

When Jesus was on the cross there stood by certain people, certain ones of the inner-circle who did not forsake Him in His trouble, did not forsake Him when He was taken and killed. They stood there.

How comforting that there was somebody to shed a tear for Jesus! It comforts me that Mary was there with the son she had borne. She may have remembered that when she brought Him as a baby into the temple, old Simeon the prophet, who had waited for the Saviour, stood and said by divine prophecy, "Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also"; and she may have said,

"This is it! It is true! It is true!" I am glad Mary was there, and however much she wept, I am glad she wept over the dear Saviour. I wish there were someone to weep for me. I wish there were someone to represent me with a heart full of love and with compassion, someone with an understanding heart, someone with holy gratitude, someone to share with me the death of Jesus on the cross. So some of the inner-circle Christians were with Him there.

There was Mary, and there was Mary Magdalene, out of whom the Lord Jesus cast seven devils. You know, when we get to Heaven, it is going to be wonderful to see people from skid-row—drunks and harlots and bums and convicts and infidels—people who have committed terrible crimes but who have been washed in the blood of the Lamb. If we got our just desert, none of us would be there. Many a person with blood

on his hands, many a woman who lost her virtue, many a man who broke the laws of the land, many a drunkard and profane swearer and jail bird will be there because they each found Jesus Christ as Saviour.

I am glad that Mary Magdalene was there. I will be glad to see her in Heaven. She will say, "Jesus cast out of me seven devils." I will say, "He took this old wicked sinner when I was only a boy. He did not let me go down and down and be caught in all the maelstrom of open sin and the results that would come from it, but He took me when I was as wicked in my heart as you, and saved me." There is Mary Magdalene near the cross of Jesus.

There is Mary and there is John, the beloved disciple.

What a comfort it must have been to Jesus that John was there, because He loved John in some special way, calling him the "beloved disciple." He loved the rest of them, but in some strange way, like He loved Mary and Martha and Lazarus, He loved John, too. John was there. Jesus said, "What will I do with my mother? The other boys are not converted." (Mary and Joseph had other sons, after Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary. Their names are given: James and Joses and Simon and Judas. At any rate, these other brothers were not even converted at the time of the crucifixion, as far as we know.)

The dear Lord says, "What shall I do? I will let John be a son." So He said, "John, behold thy mother." He said to Mary, "Woman, behold thy son." I think Mary went over by John's side, and John put his arm around her and comforted her and said, "Never mind, Mother; you go home with me tonight. I will take care of you." John called her his mother. There was a little inner-circle of Christians at the cross. I am glad they were there.

How many of you who hear me always stay near enough to hear the dripping of blood, are really conscious of the cost and the suffering involved, and the compassion and the grace of God manifested? I wonder how many of you have entered into whatever reproach there is on Jesus? I wonder how many of you can say as did Paul, "I die daily"? I wonder how many can say, "I am crucified with Christ"? Oh, we say it so glibly, but are we ready to suffer reproach and trouble and loss and pain and scorn and grief because we are close enough to Jesus—inner-circle Christians?

2. Quitters Watching Jesus Die

Who else watched Jesus there? The quitters were present. Who

are they? Most of the disciples, for in Matthew 26:56 we read how in the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus was arrested. When they came with swords and staves to take Him, the Scripture says, "Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled." I don't mean that they were not saved, or that they denied Jesus, as did Peter later. But they felt, "Now if there is going to be a fight, I won't be around." I mean, "If it is going to be too hard, I will not serve the Lord."

Many who hear me now have quit on God. You didn't quit loving Him, you didn't quit trusting Jesus in your heart, but you quit serving Him. You were a Sunday School teacher, but when the baby came you said, "Now I'm too busy." Or you used to sing in the choir, but since you could not have your way about something, you quit. Or you did once maintain a time of early morning prayer, seeking God's face, but you just quit. In God's name, come back, quitter! The dear Lord Jesus loves you, needs you.

Oh, was there once a time when you had regular habits of prayer, when you tried to win souls, when you taught Sunday School—you were active in the Lord's work? In Jesus' name, don't be a quitter, forsaking Jesus. The going gets hard—yes. You get talked about—yes. You may be called a fanatic—yes. And it may be worse than that. "A man's foes shall be they of his own household," and "I came not to send peace, but a sword," Jesus said. But you can still draw near to God and have perfect peace and joy and know that He is with you. I hope you will not be a quitter any longer. Come and take up your cross.

3. Secret Disciples: Joseph and Nicodemus

Who else is watching Jesus die? Well, there are the secret disciples. John chapter 19, verses 38 and 39, tells about when Jesus died:

"And after this Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight."

Here are two men who are members of the Sanhedrin—yes, the same Sanhedrin that last night in midnight session voted to kill Jesus. It was an illegal session. I do not suppose these two voted. Perhaps they abstained and said nothing. In any case, they did not say anything on the right side. They were for Jesus, but they did not say so.

Joseph of Arimathea is a disciple, he has been converted. Two or three years ago Nicodemus came to Jesus by night, the third chapter of John says. This indicates that he had never yet made it public. He had never let anybody know where he stood. Though he seems to have loved Jesus and trusted Him and have been converted through that wonderful, personal sermon that Jesus gave him in John chapter three, Nicodemus had not told it. Now when Jesus died Joseph of Arimathea comes to Pilate, wanting Jesus' body.

He loved Jesus, but he never spoke up for Him. Last night when the Sanhedrin condemned Him to die, Nicodemus didn't say anything. But now he said to Pilate, "We are for Him. Let us have His body."

Pilate said, "Why, Nicodemus, you and Joseph? You? Well!" Pilate then asked the soldiers if Jesus had been dead some while, and when he heard that He had, he said, "Yes, you may have the body." These two had gone so long without taking a stand. Now in the presence of that mocking multitude they pulled out the spiked nails and wrapped cloth around the body and let the dear Jesus down, wrapped that poor, torn body in spices in the manner that the Jews used to bury the dead, and buried Him.

Oh, how many of you here are saved, but you say nothing? You are saved, but you are not a fighting Christian? You are saved, but you have not been baptized?

You are saved, but you do no personal work? Maybe in church you get up and give a testimony, but down there in the town among the cussers and spitters and the Devil's crowd you say nothing? Oh, God keep us from being cowards and secret disciples such as Joseph and Nicodemus!

4. Peter the Backslider at the Cross

Who else was watching Jesus? There was Peter the backslider. He is saved. I wish I could go back there to him and say, "Peter, come on, come on up near the cross. Jesus loves you."

But "No," Peter might say, "He would curse me, I know. When He looked at me last night I was cut to the heart and went out and wept nearly all night. Oh, no," Peter says, "I don't think He would hear me." Yes, Peter, He would.

He would have quit the ministry, but Jesus followed him out to the Sea of Galilee, called him back and got him started again. I am so glad Jesus loves the backsliders.

Where are you watching Jesus die, dear Christian?

Lost Sinners Watching Jesus Die

Our text says, "And sitting down they watched him there" (Matt. 27:36).

Sitting down watching Jesus die. As I said before, the crucifixion of Jesus is not for us alone. It is for everybody. It is not for the Jews alone, or for Gentiles. It is as much for Chicago or San Francisco or Dallas or Phoenix. It is as much for the Island of Formosa or blackest Africa or Calcutta or Bombay. It is as much for Tokyo or the Philippine Islands. It is as much for Alaska. It is as much for England, France, and Germany. It is just as much for everybody as it was for those who watched Jesus die.

So when they sat down to watch Him hang three hours on the cross, I guess they turned and sighed. I think they turned and shuddered when He died. They heard the dripping of the blood and could never get away from it. When they sat down to watch Jesus die, they were only representatives of the whole human race, a cross-section of all mankind. They sat down and watched Jesus die.

I talked to you about Christians at the cross. Now notice some of the lost sinners at the cross who watched Jesus die. I trust God will speak to your heart.

Maybe someone hears me and says, "Well, I'm not interested."

You had better be, because what you decide about the crucified Saviour will mean Heaven or Hell. It is a matter of great importance. O God, give us a heart to follow the Lord and please Him now.

I wonder what lost people watching Jesus die. Whom did they represent there?

1. Unconverted Church People: Jewish Leaders

Let us consider first the scribes and Pharisees. The Scripture makes it clear in Matthew 27:36-39 that "sitting down they watched him there . . . and they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads." Verse 41 says, "Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him." So there were the scribes and elders and chief priests and religious leaders. What were they doing? Sitting down watching Jesus die. Who do they represent? All the religious people who are unconverted.

Oh, they are very religious. They tithe mint and anise and cummin. Oh, yes, they fast two days out of the week, some of them. Oh, yes, they read and believe the Old Testament. But they miss the point of the whole matter. They want only the letter, not the spirit. They did not know the Saviour Himself whose word the Bible is. So these represent all the unconverted people, all the church members who are unconverted.

My, it is bad enough to go to

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Hell! I would hate to go to Hell from blackest Africa. I would hate to go to Hell if I never heard a sermon, if I didn't know better, if I had nobody to beg me or plead with me, if I did not have a Bible, if I never saw a church spire pointing to Heaven. I sure would hate to go to Hell in ignorance. But how will it be with me in America where on nearly every corner in a city a

church spire points to God and where a church bell tolls?

I was the other day in a hotel in St. Louis. Across the street a big cathedral bell chimed exactly on the hour. I thought, Never mind whether I agree with their religion in all details or not; at least that bell reminds me that there is a God who wants to be worshipped and we should seek Him. Men need God.

So here sitting down watching Jesus are the unconverted church members.

Some baptized people are going to Hell. Some people wear striped trousers and put a gardenia in their button hole and act as ushers and pass the Lord's Supper, who have never been converted. There are some unconverted deacons or stewards or elders or trustees. Ah, these scribes and elders! Preachers who do not know about the blood of Jesus! Many will come and say, "Lord, have we not cast out devils? Didn't we do so-and-so?" And Jesus will say, "I never knew you."

Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity." Sad things, these scribes and Pharisees, these church people, these elders who are not converted. They sat down and watched Jesus die.

You say, "I am a member of the church." But have you been converted? Many watch Jesus who have not.

2. Pilate Kept His Job and Lost His Soul

Who else was there? Pilate was. He said, "I find no fault in

this man. He is not guilty. We should turn Him loose." But Pilate kept his job because the Jews said to him, "We will tell Caesar that you are not his friend. We'll get you in trouble if you don't stay with us, and if you turn Jesus loose." So Pilate kept his job and damned his poor soul by turning down Jesus.

I wonder how Pilate felt? Poor Pilate! His wife had sent him word, "Have nothing to do with that good man, Pilate, after you (Continued on page 14)

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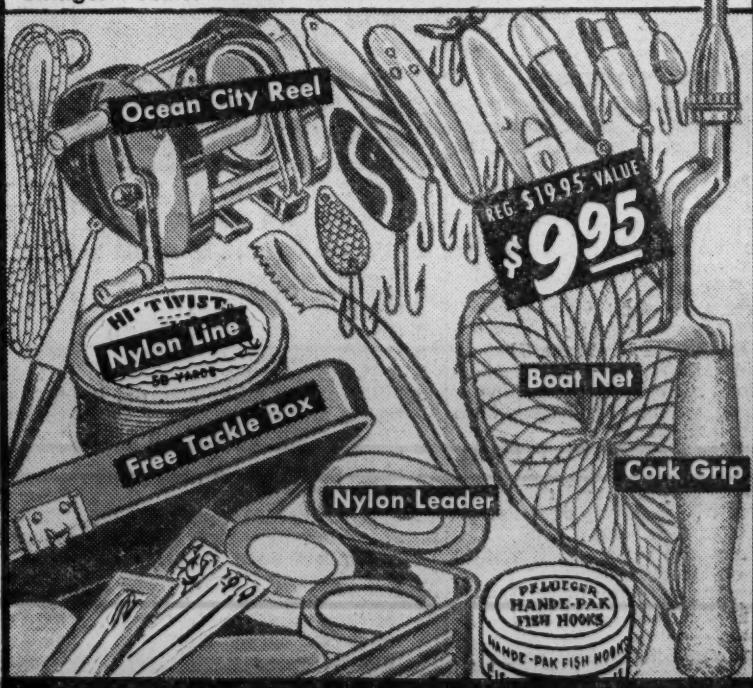
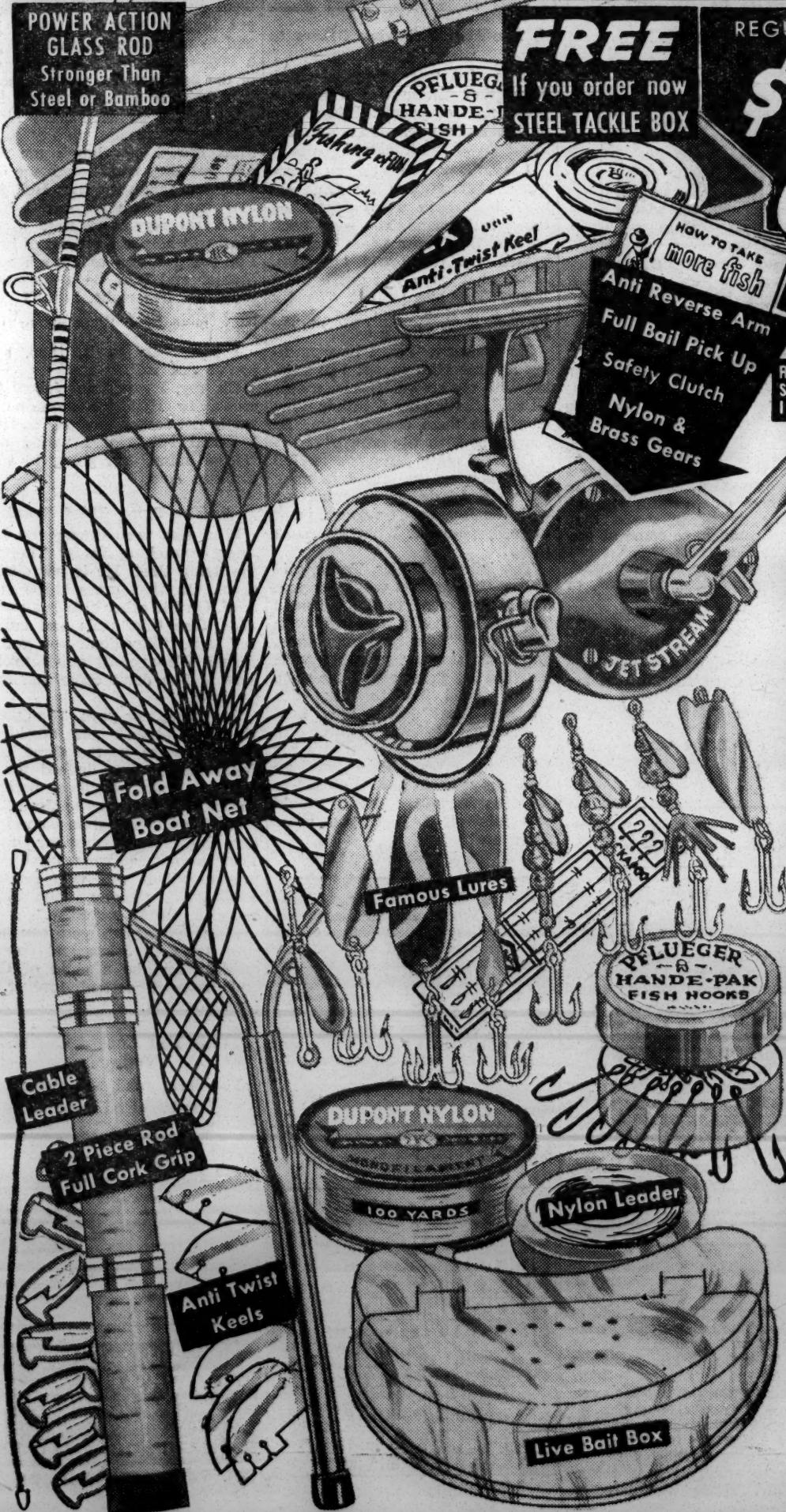
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got up this morning I went back to sleep and I suffered many things in a dream. God told me that you must not touch Him, that you must not harm Him." But Pilate did. Pilate had his job. So Pilate said, "Go ahead and tie His arms around that marble column. You executioners, get your scourge with bits of bone and iron tied on to leather thongs. Go ahead and cut Him to the bone with the scourge." Then he said, "I wash my hands, but you can do as you please."

They took Jesus and abused Him, mistreated Him, and finally nailed Him to a cross stripped naked, and watched Him die.

There is Pilate—who kept his job for a little while—but not for long. Jobs don't last long. Soon there was an insurrection, and he went to Rome to give a report. While on his journey the Roman

emperor died and he was out of a job. The new emperor appointed someone else. Pilate did not keep his job very long. It is a sad, sad business for anybody to put his job before Jesus Christ.

I was at Elgin, Illinois, years ago preaching, and a man came to the back. While they had the song service I went back there and talked to this fellow. I gave him a little booklet "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and said, "Here, take this. Won't you read it? I will pray God to help you to understand it and to turn from your sin and be saved."

"Oh, no," he said; "I couldn't take that."

I said, "Yes, you can. Why not?"

"No," he said, "What if my friends should hear about that, that I had a thing like that in my pocket? What if I pull that out with my handkerchief. Why, I couldn't do that and be in my business."

And when I asked him what his business was, he said, "I just got back from taking a train load of Pearl beer to Dallas, Texas." A train load of beer!

I said, "I'm from Texas, but I sure hate to see anybody sending beer down there."

"Well," he said, "I came to hear you because I like Texas people. They told me you were from Texas."

I said, "You ought to turn from your sin and turn to Jesus."

He said, "I will when I make plenty of money; I am making my pile now, too. I'm making plenty. When I get through with that, then I'm going to turn and get converted, but I won't take your booklet now."

So he stayed with his business, a bad, bad business, and a curse is on him. He stayed with his business and let his poor soul go to Hell. Some people do. That is the way Pilate did, no doubt.

3. Soldiers, Hardened Sinners, Watch Jesus Die

Who else was there watching Jesus die? The soldiers. They seem to have been a pretty rough bunch. I do not think a soldier needs always to be so; but remember, a man is away from home. He doesn't have to work for a living. He is not amenable to local laws. Nobody is going to tell on him if he lives in sin. It is a pretty great temptation. It is hard for a man to live right in the army. And these men seemed to have been professional soldiers—hardhearted. They spit in the face of Jesus, blindfolded Him, hit Him with a reed and said, "Prophesy, who smote you." These poor soldiers could have been saved.

D. L. Moody said one day in preaching, "O soldier, before you thrust that spear in the side of Jesus—there is a nearer way to His heart than that." God loves you, if you only knew it. The poor sinner!

I thank God in my revivals I have had them—many, many! I mean drunkards, harlots, infidels, old men, young men, convicts—so many of them. Thank God, the Lord Jesus can save the Devil-possessed, the fallen, the crooked, the wicked, the disconsolate, the desolate, and the poor.

And so, these soldiers could have been saved. Maybe you too hear me, and you have lived a wild and rough life, a riotous life. I am sorry; but God will forgive you if you will come to Him. I wish these soldiers had come.

4. The Mob Following Others to Hell

Who else was there watching Jesus die? There was a mob, a great mob of people. I hear one of the fellows shouting, "Crucify Him! Away with Him!"

I say, "Hey, I've seen you somewhere. Where was it? Oh, you were out there when Jesus fed the five thousand. You were back on the third row when Andrew passed out the bread and fish. Now, what have you got against Jesus? You are yelling, 'Crucify Him! Kill Him!' You ate of His bounty, heard Him preach."

He answers, "Yes, I have nothing against Him except I'm staying with my crowd. The Pharisees all said, 'Let's stay together now; let's have them crucify Him.' So I'm going with the crowd."

Oh, how many are going to Hell just following the crowd, keeping up with Lizzie, or keeping up with the Joneses. You do not want to go by yourself. What a terrible thing!

The jailer in Dallas, Texas, said to me, "These men will hear you. Would you come to the jail on a Tuesday or Friday and visit with these men?" I agreed on a time, and took another preacher with me. The big jailer asked the men, "Who would like to talk with Brother Rice?" Two men held their hands. He brought them out. I took one; the preacher with me took the other. Mine was an eighteen-year-old boy. How sad to see him in jail! I said, "Would you mind if I read you some Scripture?"

"Oh, no. I would like that."

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I read the third chapter of John and talked with him about it. "You see, you must be born again, don't you?"

"Yes."

"Do you see that Jesus died to save you, that He is ready to save you?"

"Yes."

"And you understand, it is like the wind that blows. You don't know where it goes; and you cannot understand all the miracle of regeneration. You just come to Jesus and let Him do the rest."

"Yes."

"Then do you understand that if you look to Him in your heart, and trust Him, Jesus will forgive you?"

"Yes, that's what He says."

Then I read again John 3:16 and said, "Now will you trust Him as your Saviour?"

"Yes I will," he replied.

"Wait a minute," I said. You say "yes" to everything. I'm afraid this is too easy. You had better remember that as you go back in there, that crowd will laugh at you. When you go to read your Bible and get down by your bunk in the jail and pray, that crowd is going to say, 'Ah, come on Deacon and preach us a sermon.' They are going to mock you, laugh at you."

Soberly, and looking at me straight and square, he said, "Preacher, they laughed me into jail, but they can't laugh me out. Once I didn't want anybody to think I was tied to my mama's apron strings. I thought I would be smart like this crowd, so I went on and did as I pleased and got in jail. Now my father has had to mortgage his farm to pay a lawyer to try to keep me out of the penitentiary, and my mother's hair is getting white. She cries herself to sleep every night. I've already made up my mind. That crowd can laugh me into jail, but they can't laugh me out. They can laugh me into Hell, but they can't laugh me out. I have made up my mind that if the Lord will help me get out of here, I'm going to go to church with Mother and Dad, be a Christian, pray and live right. I don't care now what they think. Let them laugh."

I said, "Go to it, then, son; you've got it!"

Oh, my, I would not follow the crowd to Hell for anything. I would not follow anybody to Hell. I would not. No, I would say, "Never mind, I'm going to turn to Jesus now."

5. The Dying Thief Saved

Who else was among the lost sinners watching Jesus? There is the dying thief. He is not sitting down. On that cross there is a thief. One thief rails and curses and says, "Why don't you get us down? We are all going to die here if You don't come and help us down."

The other one says, "Don't rail at Jesus. Aren't you afraid of God? We are in the same condemnation and we indeed justly, but this man has done nothing amiss." And turning to Jesus, he said, "Lord, when thou comest to thy kingdom, remember me." That wasn't a very intelligent prayer, but it was very sincere. Jesus said, "Today, thou shalt be with me in paradise."

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- 3 This sermon is found in the book of . . . (s).
- 7 "Shed forth this, which ye . . . see and hear"
- 10 "When they heard . . ."
- 12 "In the name of . . . Christ for the remission of sins"
- 15 Exclamation
- 16 Circles of light
- 17 Small coin
- 18 A Benjamite (I Chron. 7)
- 19 And (Lat.)
- 20 "God . . . made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."
- 21 "A man approved of . . . among you"
- 22 "Have crucified and . . ."
- 24 "For . . . is on my right hand"
- 25 "Whom God hath . . . up"
- 27 "He would raise . . . Christ to sit on his throne"
- 28 Hebrew word for deity, E—
- 30 Brigadier General (abbr.)
- 31 Bone, —s
- 33 "Also my flesh shall rest . . . hope"
- 34 "And by wicked . . . (s) have crucified"
- 36 Of which, W — r —
- 38 Native of central Caucasus, —s —
- 40 Diminutive of Edward
- 41 Monkeys
- 43 "Men and brethren, what shall . . . do?"
- 44 "I will pour out of my spirit upon . . . flesh."
- 46 "And to all that . . . afar off"
- 47 Dorbeetle, —r
- 51 "Let all the house of Israel . . . assuredly, that God"
- 53 Those who have personal knowledge of anything,

56 "Whosoever shall call on the . . . of the Lord shall be saved."

57 "Ye . . . of Israel, hear these words."

58 Ancestor of Jesus (Luke 3)

CLEWS DOWN

- 1 "Not possible . . . he should be holder of it"
- 2 Unctuous liquid
- 4 Chief Justice (abbr.)
- 5 Grandson of Esau (Gen. 36)
- 6 Daughter-in-law of Naomi
- 8 A Northcentral state
- 9 "With many other . . . did he testify and exhort"
- 10 "They were pricked in . . . heart."
- 11 "Added unto them about three thousand . . ."
- 13 "The Lord said unto my Lord, . . . thou on my right hand."
- 14 A compass point (abbr.)
- 20 Put out of view
- 21 Go to the off side
- 22 "Miracles and wonders and . . . which God did by him"
- 23 Bronze, —s
- 26 Dishonored
- 27 Consumed
- 29 "Thou hast made known to me the ways of . . ."
- 31 Son of Zerubbabel (I Chron. 3)
- 32 "And . . . to my words"
- 34 In what manner
- 35 Doctor of Entomology (abbr.)
- 37 Uncloses
- 39 Tantalum (abbr.)
- 42 One who plants seed
- 45 Alley
- 48 Possess
- 49 A long, narrow inlet, r —
- 50 Creed, i —
- 52 "Repent, and . . . baptized."
- 54 Trainmaster (abbr.)
- 55 Same as

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mon. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." The only way to come to Jesus is by a heart decision of faith, relying upon Him to save and keep, as He promised to do.

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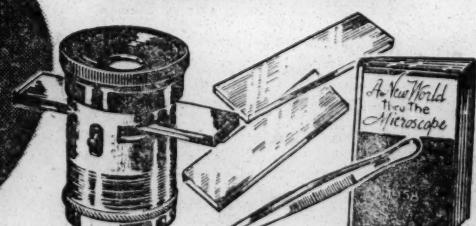
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